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Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL
OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application for patent.

An Office Action, dated July 30, 2003, was received from the Patent and Trademark Office in this application. A response to that Office action was mailed to the Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 23, 2003.

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Apparently, the Patent and Trademark Office never received Applicant's September 23, 2003 communication. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment, dated March 12, 2004, was received from the Patent and Trademark Office in this application and the application went abandoned.

The September 23, 2003 response was accompanied by a proper certificate of mailing. A copy of the September 23, 2003 response is attached. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b), the undersigned Agent for Applicant hereby attests:

1. This Petition is being filed promptly after becoming aware that the Office has no evidence of receipt of the September 23, 2003 response; and
2. The September 23, 2003 response was timely deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail as indicated on the Certificate of Mailing.

Also, enclosed is a copy of the Proof of Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document that was filed concurrently with the September 23, 2003 response.


In view of the above showing, Applicant requests the grant of this Petition to withdraw the current holding of abandonment. Applicant is not aware of any fee

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required for this Petition; however, in the event that a fee is required, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

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